

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Sri P.Gopala Krishna, former Mandal Revenue Officer, Buttaigudem, W.G. District - Committed certain irregularities in FFWP/ SGRY schemes - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of the APCs (CC&A) Rules 1991 - Enquiry conducted - Punishment of withholding 20% Pension for a period of one (1) year under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1191

Dated:29-07-2013
Read the following:

- 1). From G.A.(V&E) Dept. Vigilance Report No.78, dt. 26-7-2004.
- 2). Govt.Memo.No.13312/Vig.II(1)/2005,dt. 20-6-2005.
- 3). CCLA, Ref. No.VS-I(3)/2424/2005, Dt:28.02.2007.
- 4). From Sri P. Gopalakrishna, former MRO, Buttaigudem, written statement of defence, dt: 13.3.2007.
- 5). CCLA's Procs. No. VSI(3)/2424/05, Dt: 13.7.2007.
- 6). From the Joint Collector, W.G. District and Inquiring Authority, Letter Roc. No. 5264/VC/2005, Dt: 10.4.2008.
- 7). From the CCLA, Letter No.VS-I(3)/2424/2005, Dt: 6.9.2008.
- 8). Government Memo No.13312/Vig.II(1)/2005, dt.24-10-2008.
- 9). Representation from Sri P.Gopala Krishna, M.R.O.(Retd) dt.18.11.2012
- 10). Government Memo No.13312/Vig.II(1)/2005, dt.14-3-2013.
- 11). From Sri P.Gopala Krishna, MRO(Retd) reptn dt. 19-3-201
- 12). Govt. Letter No. 13312/Vig. II(1)/2005, Dt:
- 13). From the Secy, A.P.P.S.C., Hyderabad, Lr.No.1401/RT/3/2013 dated 03.07.2013.

** ** *

O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration(V&E) Department, furnished Vigilance Report relating to verification of certain Fair Price Shops in Reddi Ganapavaram (V) of Buttaipalem (M) of West Godavari District, distribution of Rice under Food For Work Programme/SGRY works and ISL schemes and detected misappropriation of 120/615 Mts. of rice worth of Rs.9,64,920/- and recommended among others for disciplinary action against Sri P.Gopala Krishna, Mandal Revenue Officer, Buttaigudem Mandal, West Godavari District for not conducting periodical verification of Fair Price Shops and also for not taking action against Fair Price shop dealers even after noticing misappropriation.

2. As per the instructions of the Government issued in the reference 2nd read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Hyderabad framed the Article of Charges against Sri P. Gopala Krishna, Mandal Revenue Officer, Buttaigudem Mandal, for his failure to conduct periodical inspection and verification of Fair Price Shop Dealers even after noticing of variation and misappropriation of Food for Work programme, vide reference 3rd read above. The Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence, vide reference 4th read above. After examination, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, has appointed the Joint Collector, West Godavari District as Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer and the Revenue Divisional Officer, West Godavari District was appointed as Presenting Officer in the case, vide reference 5th read above.

(P.T.O)

3. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiring Authority has furnished inquiry report to the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, wherein the Inquiring Authority has held that the charges framed against the charged officer is partly proved. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, has forwarded the record of enquiry to the Government for taking necessary action under rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980, stating that the individual retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.6.2008, vide reference 7th read above.

4. In the reference 8th read above, Government have forwarded a copy of the Enquiry Report to Delinquent Officer for his representation on the finding of the Enquiry Officer.

5. In the reference 9th read above, Sri P. Gopala Krishna, Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired) has submitted his representation stating that the Mandal Revenue Officer would act based on the requisition filed by the Mandal Parishad Development Officer for allotment of rice under Food For Work programme and no periodical inspection was needed by Revenue Officials. The responsibility of the Revenue Officials is to extend positioning the stock at the door step of the FP shop dealer only. The I.A has observed that he booked the cases after the visit of V&E Dept. and in view of this, the observations of the Inquiring Authority that he failed to take action even after noticing the variation in Food For Work programme rice by the V&E Dept. is not sustainable. Regarding finding of the Inquiring Authority that he was responsible for proper functioning of the Fair Price Shops, he has stated that the Mandal Revenue Officer is having multifarious duties and he may not be expected to concentrate on the PDS alone. He has requested to drop further action against him.

6. Government have examined the representation of the Delinquent Officer and observed that the charge of his negligence for not conducting periodic inspection of Fair Price shops is proved in the enquiry. Hence, Government have taken a provisional decision to impose punishment of 20% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri P. Gopalakrishna, Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired). Accordingly, in the reference 10 read above, a show-cause notice was issued to individual with a direction to submit his representation on the above provisional decision of the Government for taking further action in the matter.

7. In the reference 11th read above, Sri P. Gopalakrishna, Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired) has submitted his representation along with similar contentions and requested the Government to drop further action against him.

8. Government have examined the representation and observe that the Delinquent Officer has not submitted any new grounds for reviewing the provisional decision. His plea that the Mandal Revenue Officer is not responsible in Food For Work programme and his role is limited to the extent of positioning the stock at the door step of the Fair Price Shop Dealer and that he is having multifarious duties is not tenable. Being the Mandal Revenue Officer of the jurisdiction, the Delinquent Officer failed to conduct periodical inspection and verification of Fair Price Shops etc., which has been amply proved in the enquiry. Accordingly, Government have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose the proposed punishment against him and addressed to the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission for their concurrence. In the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has communicated the consent of the Commission to impose the above punishment against the individual.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby impose the punishment of 20% cut in pension for a period of one year against Sri P. Gopala Krishna, Mandal Revenue Officer (Retired) under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. Copy of the advice of the A.P. Public Service Commission dt: 3.7.2013 as required under rule 23 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 is herewith furnished to the individual.

10. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.Gopala Krishna, retired Mandal Revenue Officer (w.e).

through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad).

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad

The Collector, West Godavari District.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,

A.P. Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

The G.A (V&E) Department.

(w.r.t Vigilance Report No.78, Dt:26.7.2004)

The District Treasury Officer, West Godavari District.

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

PS to Prl. Secy. Revenue Dept.,

S.c./ S.f.

// Forwarded :: By Order//

SECTION OFFICER